

KCTJO

***The Fulton Journal* Thursday, June 20, 1907**

(Article is copied in wording, grammar and spelling as accurately as possible.)

See attached photocopy of original

TEBBETTS MISSOURI

**A thriving little city on
the North bank of the
"big muddy"**

**Made up of good people
who are hustlers, but
conservative in business.
And a people whom one
enjoys in a social way.**

By a business
engagement we had the
pleasure of visiting the
thriving city of Tebbetts in
the south part of this county
last week.

Tebbetts is located in the
central southern part of the
county on the M.K.&T.
Railroad and within a mile
of the Missouri river. The
town is built partly in the
bottom and on the romantic
elevations which lie just
north of the M.K.&T.
Tracks. Its citizenship is
made up of a splendid class
of people who are
courteous and hustlers in
their individual pursuits.

The town has more
enterprising active people
and fewer chronic loafers
than any other town of its
size in this state.

To have met the people
of Tebbetts in a business

and social way means that
one carries away a most
pleasant memory of the
time spent in the town.
Tebbetts has a population
of about 300 people most
of whom own their homes
and homes they have a
right to feel proud of.

The town has but one
church building which is
owned by the Baptist, the
building however is also
used by the Methodist
through the courtesy of the
Baptist brethren. There on
Sundays the people of the
town go to render
appropriate service unto the
Lord. The town also has a
two room school where the
children are given the very
best advantages in the way
of primary education.

That Tebbetts is growing
will be indicated by the
improvements in the town
and near by, in the past
year. Arnold Meyer a nice
six room house, F.L.

Humburg added to his
home two rooms and a
basement, W.A. Noland a
large residence, Geo. Dunn
has lately rebuilt and
enlarged the Pearson
property, Homer Chiles is
just finishing a handsome
residence just outside the
city limits, there are other
new buildings about which

we failed to learn the
particulars.

That Tebbetts is a
decidedly peacable place is
shown in the fact that there
is but one lawyer in the
town and this dignitary of
the law is known
personally as Homer
Harris. While Mr. Harris
has a good business, a very
small part of his time is
spent in handling suits
between his neighbors.

Contrary to the reputation
of the average lawyer in
the country town, Mr.
Harris gives his time free
in advising his neighbors
to settle any little trouble
which may come up out
side of the legal process.

In spite of this unselfish
practice Mr. Harris has
become comfortably fixed
in the past few years. He

has a nice home on six
acres of the richest dirt in
this county living just east
of Tebbetts. Mr. Harris is
one of those courteous
whole souled gentlemen
who cultivates a liberal
degree of pride in his town
and people and is ever
ready to show a stranger
visiting the town -y favor
at him carem-d.

The visitor going into
Tebbetts will naturally first
come in contact with the

post master. This genial gentleman responds politely to the name of A.F. Hafner. Besides being the p.m. he is also a general merchant in the town. Mr. Hafner has an array of dry goods, shoes, hardware, groceries, millinery, clothing and hats which would do credit to a much larger town. His store is kept neat, orderly and has an up-to-datiness which shows a commendable spirit of enterprise on the part of its owner. The millinery department in Mr. Hafner's store is presided by Mrs. Hafner who is a lady of more than ordinary business ability and one of very pleasing address. In looking over the remnants of the spring stock we were convinced the most fastidious tastes could be supplied from the store on very short notice. Under the management of Mrs. Hafner, the millinery department has grown remarkably larger with recurring seasons. Mr. Hafner besides being post master and general merchant is also a dealer of real estate. He informs the Journal man that he had a nice list of fine farms for sale. Mr. And Mrs. Hafner own their place of business and a nice home. They are therefore substantial citizens from a business

standpoint. Another important factor in this store is F.M. Hafner the polite and accomodating young assistant post master, who has grown up in Tebbetts from a bare footed boy to an active young man with a business ability which makes him a valued associate in the office and store.

Going east from the Hafner store the visitor next comes to a neat modern brick business house which is owned by one of Callaway's solid commercial institutions the bank of Tebbetts. This bank though a young concern is already rated capital stock of \$10,000 and present deposits is a little over \$11,000. The officers of the bank are: B.F. Chiles president and W.H. Hord cashier. The following well known and conservative gentlemen are the directors: F.O. Jones, R.W. Farmer, G.A. Rauschellbach, F.B. Bryan, J.H. Elly, W.R. Hord, and B.F. Chiles.

On further past is the big general store of that enterprising firm of Hord and Sneathen. Here we find supplies for mankind for almost every department of life. Nearly all that belongs to a first class department store can be found on counters and

shelves in the store of Hord and Sneathen. The store is well arranged and the stock looked fresh, clean and attractive. These gentlemen are usually quite busy looking after their big local trade. We have but a slight acquaintance with

Mr. Hord the senior member of the firm but we were impressed with the opinion that he is a safe conservative business man who has and lives up to his ideals as to the mode of conducting a business concern. Mr. Sneathen the junior member is a man whom you will like for his generous, open frank demeanor within and without the pale of business. Like his father N.F. Sneathen, he was born with optimistic views and a generous strain of blood which impells him to extend a helping hand and an encouraging work to his fellowman. Sam as he is familiarly known in Tebbetts is deservedly popular with the entire population. After taking a careful view of the —keap of -----tratingly predics a ----- business.

Up in the North parto of town is located the tipical village blacksmith in the person of Louis F. Humburg we say tipical because he knows every

body for miles around the town and is a favorite with the crowd which visit his busy whop each day. Mr. Humburg does all kind of blacksmithing and repair work. As an evidence that he does his work well his large patronage keeps the sparks flying from early morning until late at night. In fact Mr. Humburg's shop is as busy a place as one will find anywhere. Beside his blacksmithing business he handles farm machinery, buggies and wagons in a large —. His business has grown from a small begining until he finds it all and more than he can handle. Mr. Humburg and his excellant wife own and elegantly finished home which they have acquired with business taot and honest toil. Being thus cozily fixed those excellant people are counted among the permanent citizens of their town.

Upon a higher elevation further north the weary traveler finds a real oasis in life's journey on reaching the Braham house. This popular stoping ;lace is owned and conducted by Mr. And Mrs. Thomas Braham. Tom who one of our school day chums, spends most of his time in agricultural pursuits while his estimable wife looks after the tavern business.

To say that Mrs. Braham is an exceptionally good hotel keeper does not do her full justice. As a culinary artist she is up to the best for when she spreads a meal it is a foregone conclusion that every boarder at the table will do that subject more than justice. When you are directed to your room at night you fine a bed after man's own heart a veritable hiding place from life's care where slumber comes almost unbidden.

In the west part of town is an other important feature to the traveling public, which is, J.W. Smith's livery and feed stable. With the uncertainty of railway time tables, Mr. Smith is ever ready to cater to the wants of the public with first class rigs and trusty drives.

He makes a specialty of looking after commercial trade. But in order to look after this trade he does not neglect the local patronage to his business. If

Callaway has a more clever and accomadating man than William Smith we have yet to meet that man.

His service is of the best while his charges are very moderate. While Mr. Smith is looking after his stable Mrs. Smith is codudting one of the best hotels in Missouri. The Smith hotel is located on

the south side of the track and is esspecially convenient to the traveling public. Mrs. Smith has associated with her Miss Florence Grifhiin.

Both these ladies are proficient as home keepers and entertainers and thus the Smith house is a most enjoyable and home like place to stop.

Perhaps the largest individual business in Tebbetts is that of Mr. Arnold Meyer the lumber dealer. Mr. Meyer is one of the largest lumber dealers in the country. He also carries large lines in lime, cement, builders hardware, garden and field wire fencing, wall paper and mouldings. He is one of the largest prop0ery holders in the town —ing

— — — — — building and that lumber--- -- and grounds. Mr. Meyer has built up his extensive business by low prices courteous treatment to his patrons an by giving the best goods on the market for the money. The presence of Mr. Meyer and his line of business means much in the way of commercial value to the town of Tebbetts. Personally Mr. Meyer is a modest unassuming man yet he is cordial and conversationalist of more than ordinary merit, one of

his best characteristics is that he is a fighter and worker for anything that promises to benefit his ____.

But the man to whom all the town builders must turn in Tebbetts is W.H.

Ruebeling the contractor and builder . Mr.

Ruebeling's handy work can be seen nearly all the handsome residences which gives Tebbetts and air of city appearance. He has been associat4ed with the building of nearly all the residences erected in the past 15 years which dates back to the beginning of the town. Mr. Reubeling and his excelent companion like many other good people in Tebbetts own a splendid home which has come to them through honest labor.

They stand well with the people fo the town and are counted as valued citizens.

There is another business in this town which adds very materially to its commercial resources namely the M.K. & T.

Gumbo works where the river bottom gumbo is reduced to a kind of brick balasting the katy road bed.

These works employ from 25 to 30 men at a daily wage scale ranging from \$1.75 to \$3.00 per day, with a superintendent who gets a salary of \$125.00 per month, most of this money is spent with merchants and

boarding homes in the town.

The happy smooth faced men you meet in Tebbetts wear a look of satisfaction when they say John Whyte the genial knight of the razor does the barbering in his neat shop next door to Hord and Sneathen's store. Mr. Whyte has the business all to himself but he takes good care of the trade. In our short stay in Tebbetts this is almost all we had time to find out.